

Exceptional Children Information for Parents

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Department of Public Instruction Office of Early Learning

The NC [Office of Early Learning](#) provides support for PreK to Grade 3 Early Learning and federally funded preschool programs including Preschool Exceptional Children, Title I Preschool, and the NC Head Start State Collaboration Office. On their website, you will find information broken into helpful categories:

- PK-3 Early Learning
- Preschool Exceptional Children
- Title I Preschool
- Head Start State Collaboration Office
- Birth through Third Interagency Council

Additionally, the Office of Early Learning funds the NC Early Learning Network. This network provides early learning communities with professional development and technical assistance to support preschool children with disabilities and their families through the vision of DPI's Office of Early Learning. One of the great family resources is the [NC Early Learning and Development Progressions: Birth to Five](#). These learning progressions were developed for each identified goal in four developmental domains and show the steps through which children develop skills from birth to five years.

They are grouped in four developmental domains (Emotional & Social Development, Health & Physical Development, Language Development & Communication, and Cognitive Development) and show the steps through which children develop skills from *birth to five years*. You can explore by domains or selected age groups and learn what is typical development for children.

To learn more about NC Early Learning Network and their offerings, please visit their [website](#).

Check out previous newsletters for other resources.
<https://ec.ncpublicschools.gov/parent-resources/parent-listserv-communications>



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Important Links

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [U.S. Department of Education](#)
- [N.C. Department of Health & Human Services](#)
 - [Strong Schools NC Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\)](#)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
 - [Lighting Our Way Forward \(Summary\)](#)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)
- [NCDPI-COVID-19 Responses & Resources](#)

Upcoming Events

March- [Cerebral Palsy Awareness](#)
March- [Developmental Disabilities Awareness](#)
March 1- [International Wheelchair Day](#)
March 2- [Read Across America Day](#) (Dr. Seuss Day)
March 10- National Pack Your Lunch Day (#PackYourLunchDay on social media)
March 11- [Cafecito Virtual Conversación con los Padres](#)
March 19 & 20- Autism Society [Annual Conference](#) (virtual)
March 20 & 21- The Arc's [Spring Fling Trivia Night](#)
March 21- [World Down Syndrome Day](#) & [Virtual Run/Walk](#)
March 24- [National Education & Sharing Day](#)
March 26- [Wear Purple Day for Epilepsy](#)
March 30- [World Bipolar Day](#)
March 30- Take a Walk in the Park Day

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

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